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In re Patent Application of

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For: CATALYST FOR PURIFYING EXHAUST GAS AND A PROCESS FOR
PURIFYING EXHAUST GAS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

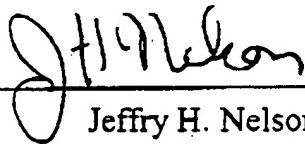
Responsive to the Official Action of March 13, 2002 (a petition for a one month extension of time is submitted herewith), and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicants elect the subject matter of Group II, that is claims 18 through 23 directed to an exhaust gas purifying process.

An examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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